

# JESUS FOLLOWERS PURSUE HOLINESS

## **BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS PURSUE HOLINESS**

1 Peter 1:13-16; Leviticus 11:45; 20:26; 2 Corinthians 7:1

### **BIBLE VERSE: DANIEL 1:8**

*“But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king’s food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuch to allow him not to defile himself.”*

### **BIG IDEAS**

- Jesus followers trust God’s purposes even when life brings difficulty and loss.
- Jesus followers resolve that obedience is better than compromise.
- Jesus followers stand out from the world around them.

## **BIBLE PASSAGE: DANIEL 1**

### **UNITE - I AM CALLED**

The Unite Year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are given a spirit of adoption as sons (Romans 8:15-16), are made a child of God, and we are also saved into a family- the Church. The Unite Year explores how we are to live as a part of a family, and to live in light of our calling as servants and disciples of Christ. We use our gifts to build up the church as we pursue unity, humility, and gentleness with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2).

### **SERIES AIMS**



#### **Every student should know that...**

- God is the One True King.
- Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- There is a cost to following Jesus.



#### **Every student should feel...**

- Confident in the steadfastness of the Lord.
- Grateful for the cloud of witnesses that we have as a model for how to faithfully follow Christ.
- Grounded in Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.



#### **Every student should strive to...**

- Examine their own heart and repent of how they have followed false saviors.
- Pray regularly asking the Lord to grow their faith in Him.
- Endure through discouragement and difficult circumstances.



#### **Every student should want...**

- To devote themselves to pursuing holiness.
- To suffer well for the glory of God.
- To use their lives to point others to a better Savior, King, and Treasure.

### **FAMILY WORKOUT:**

This week we will ponder how to discuss holiness with our son or daughter. We will pray for them to have hearts that desire obedience over compromise. We will lead them to practice choosing holiness over fitting in.

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**Read and meditate on Daniel 1 this week.**

Use these questions to help ponder this story:

- How can you model being set apart for your son or daughter?
- What are some ways you can discuss with your son or daughter what it looks like to choose holiness over fitting in?
- How can you discuss some of the ways you've stood out for the sake of obeying God?

**Ponder how you lead your son or daughter to pursue holiness.**

- What are some areas of their life that are unholy?
- How can you help them see ways they need to remove idols or end relationships in order to be obedient to God?



**Pray for your son or daughter this week.**

- Ask the Holy Spirit to help them pursue holiness and to desire it more than anything else in the world.
- Pray with your student this week. As you pray together model asking the Holy Spirit to help you pursue holiness.



**Discuss with your son or daughter some ways that he or she could grow in their pursuit of holiness.**

- Help them make a plan to spend time in God's Word and prayer.
- Meet with your student to discuss some of the temptations that he or she faces in their daily lives. Help them make a plan to resist these temptations.